

REMARKS

Claims

Claims 1–8 are allowed with claims 9–20 pending allowance. Claims 21–23 are added by this paper.

Claim amendments

Amended claims 2–5, 9, 11, 13, 15, and 17, along with newly-added claims 22–23 are dependent on Applicants' new claim 21.

New claim 21–23 are supported by the disclosure contained in the Applicants' specification, as originally filed. Support for new claim 21 can be found, for example, at page 7, lines 21–22; support for new claims 22–23 can be found, for example, at page 5, lines 24–28. The Examiner is courteously requested to review the disclosure contained in page 11, lines 10–14 of the specification for a definition of the term "enriched."

No new matter is added.

It is submitted that the entry of the new claims does not impose any additional burden on the PTO. Only a cursory review of the record is necessary for entering the amendments. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the new claims be entered and the application forwarded for further action consistent with the Notice of Allowance.

No fees are believed to be due with this response; however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this response to Deposit Account No. 13-3402.

Respectfully submitted,



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